

REMARKS

The Examiner requires election of one of the following groups:

- I. Claims 1-48, 52, and 53, drawn to a fluid transfer assembly and its method of use, classified in class 604, subclass 6.13.
- II. Claims 49-51, drawn to a check valve assembly, classified in class 137, subclass 512.

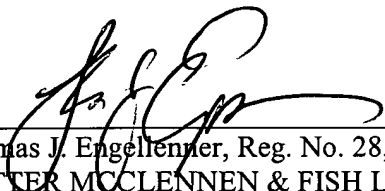
Applicant elects Group I, corresponding to claims 1-48, 52 and 53 without traverse.

CONCLUSION

Allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if any discussion of an aspect helps expedite prosecution of the pending application.

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